

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed May 25, 2005, Applicant elects, with traverse, the alleged Species 2 upon which claims 1 and 2 can be read. Thus, claims 1 and 2 should promptly be examined.

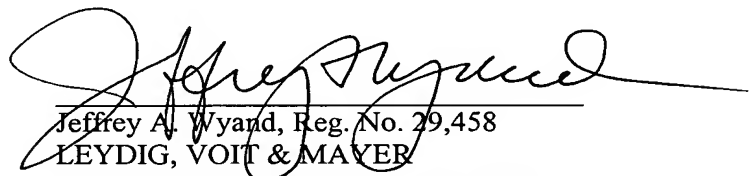
While the Examiner stated that no single claim was generic as to all of the pending eight claims, it is apparent that claim 1 is generic as to claims 2-4. Therefore, upon allowance of claim 1, claims 3 and 4 must be rejoined to the prosecution pursuant to 37 CFR 1.141..

The election is made with traverse because of the close relationship between the two independent claims 1 and 5 as demonstrated by the embodiments of the invention illustrated in Figures 1 and 10. Thus, examination of claim 1 is going to result in a search of the same art that would have to be searched to examine claim 5. Thus, the imposition of the species election requirement is inappropriate and should be withdrawn.

To aid the Examiner, minor clarifying amendments are made in the claims without any substantive change. The claims to be examined are therefore provided in this Response.

Prompt and favorable examination of claims 1-8 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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